

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 15, 2/9/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Lang

HEARING ON HJ 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:58 Rep. Mitch Tropila (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 15, Joint resolution urging the federal government recognition of Little Shell Tribe.

00:02:19 Rep. Welborn entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:19 Jason Smith, Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

00:06:35 Gerald Gray, Little Shell Tribe

00:07:50 Rep. Peppers, HD 41

00:09:01 Leona Kienenberger, Little Shell Tribe

00:11:49 Rep. Pease-Lopez, HD 42

00:14:06 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, Little Shell Tribe

00:17:13 Elissa Snow, Western Native Voice

00:18:15 Gerald Gray Sr., Little Shell Tribe

00:19:42 Rep. Knudsen entered

00:22:47 Rep. Person entered

00:24:14 Daniel Pocha, Little Shell Tribe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:44 Rep. Zolnikov

00:27:04 Jason Smith, Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

00:27:22 Rep. Zolnikov

00:27:43 Jason Smith, Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

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00:28:04 Jason Smith, Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

00:28:40 Rep. Pope

00:29:10 Rep. Tropila

00:32:00 Rep. Zolnikov

00:32:09 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, Little Shell Tribe

00:35:05 Chairman Lang

00:35:23 Dr. Nicholas Vrooman, Little Shell Tribe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:22 Rep. Tropila

00:37:50 Chairman Lang

00:38:41 Rep. Steenberg

00:40:25 Chairman Lang

00:41:43 Rep. Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:41:59

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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